

House File 581 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 101)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the licensure of acupuncturists.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 148E.1, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. "*Acupuncture needle*" means a solid core
4 instrument including but not limited to acupuncture needles,
5 dermal needles, intradermal needles, press tacks, plum blossom
6 needles, prismatic needles, and disposable lancets.

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 1B. "*Acupuncture point*" means a specific
8 anatomical location on the human body that serves as a
9 treatment site for using acupuncture.

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. "*Ashi acupuncture point*" means an
11 acupuncture point that is located according to tenderness upon
12 palpation. "*Ashi acupuncture point*" is also known as a trigger
13 point.

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "*Licensee*" means a person holding a
15 license to practice acupuncture granted by the board pursuant
16 to this chapter.

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 3B. "*Meridians*" means connected points
18 across the human anatomy that affect a specific organ or other
19 part of the body.

20 Sec. 2. Section 148E.1, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2015, are
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. "*Acupuncture*" means a form of health care developed
23 from traditional and modern oriental medical concepts that
24 employs acupuncture, oriental medical diagnosis and treatment,
25 and adjunctive therapies and diagnostic techniques, for the
26 promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health and the
27 prevention of disease.

28 4. "*Practice of acupuncture*" means ~~the insertion of~~
29 ~~acupuncture needles and the application of moxibustion to~~
30 ~~specific areas of the human body based upon oriental medical~~
31 ~~diagnosis as a primary mode of therapy. Adjunctive therapies~~
32 ~~within the scope of acupuncture may include manual, mechanical,~~
33 ~~thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment, and the~~
34 ~~recommendation of dietary guidelines and therapeutic exercise~~
35 ~~based on traditional oriental medicine concepts:~~

1 a. The stimulation or piercing of the skin with an
2 acupuncture needle for any of the following purposes:

3 (1) To evoke a therapeutic physiological response, either
4 locally or distally to the area of insertion or stimulation.

5 (2) To relieve pain or treat the neuromusculoskeletal
6 system.

7 (3) To stimulate ashi points to relieve pain and
8 dysfunction.

9 (4) To promote, maintain, and restore health, and prevent
10 disease.

11 (5) To stimulate the body according to auricular, hand,
12 nose, face, foot, or scalp acupuncture therapy.

13 (6) To use acupuncture needles with or without the use of
14 herbs, electric current, or application of heat.

15 b. The use of oriental medical diagnosis and treatment,
16 including:

17 (1) Moxibustion, cupping, thermal methods, magnets, gua sha
18 scraping techniques, acupatches, herbal poultices, hot and cold
19 packs, electromagnetic wave therapy, light and color therapy,
20 sound therapy, or therapy lasers.

21 (2) Massage, acupressure, reflexology, shiatsu and tui na
22 massage, or manual stimulation, including stimulation by an
23 instrument or mechanical device that does not pierce the skin.

24 (3) Herbal medicine and dietary supplements, including
25 those of plant, mineral, animal, and nutraceutical origin.

26 c. Any other adjunctive service or procedure that is
27 clinically appropriate based on the licensee's training
28 as approved by the national certification commission for
29 acupuncture and oriental medicine or the accreditation
30 commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine.

31 Sec. 3. Section 148E.2, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
32 2015, is amended to read as follows:

33 b. Successful completion of a three-year postsecondary
34 training program or acupuncture college program which is
35 accredited by, in candidacy for accreditation by, or which

1 meets the standards of the ~~national accreditation commission~~
2 ~~for schools and colleges of acupuncture and oriental medicine~~
3 accreditation commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine.

4 Sec. 4. Section 148E.3, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
5 following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A licensed professional utilizing
7 acupuncture as long as the licensed professional acts within
8 the professional's lawful scope of practice.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill expands the definition of the practice of
13 acupuncture under Code chapter 148E and adds definitions
14 related to the practice of acupuncture. The bill updates the
15 name of the accreditation organization for the practice of
16 acupuncture. The bill exempts from Code chapter 148E licensed
17 professionals utilizing acupuncture within the scope of
18 practice for the professional.